

Proposed ClaimsS/N 09/755,863

2. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for populating a plurality of fields in a find dialog of a spreadsheet program module, the method comprising the steps of:

 determining a plurality of formatting characteristics of a cell in the spreadsheet;
 editing the plurality of fields in the find dialog to correspond to the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell; and

 wherein the step of determining the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell in the spreadsheet is performed in response to a selection of moving a cursor over the cell containing said plurality of formatting characteristics and clicking a mouse button to select the cell, whereby the attributes of the selected cell are determined and applied to the plurality of fields of the find dialog.

21. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

 the step of determining the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell in the spreadsheet further comprises selecting an option of choosing the formatting characteristics from a formatted cell in the spreadsheet; and

 in response to selecting the option, changing the shape of the cursor from a first shape to a second shape distinct from the first shape,

 whereby the distinct second shape denotes to a user that moving the cursor over a cell and clicking the mouse button will apply the attributes of that cell to the fields of the find dialog.